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PETITION OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY )  
NATURAL GAS CO., INC. FOR APPROVAL )  
OF CHANGES IN ITS GAS COST )  
ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH )  
IND. CODE § 8-1-2-42(g) )

CAUSE NO. 37791-GCA 51

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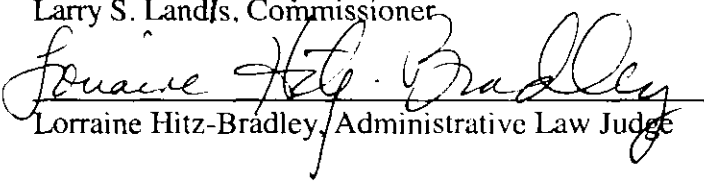
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On December 14, 2004, Switzerland County Natural Gas Co. ("Petitioner") filed its *Verified Petition for Emergency Relief* ("Petition") in this Cause. An evidentiary hearing to address Petitioner's Petition is scheduled for January 5, 2005. After reviewing the Petition, the Presiding Officers now find that Petitioner should answer the following data requests on or before December 30, 2004:

1. What "other financial difficulties related to the lack of earnings" (Mercer Testimony, p. DCM-5, line 18) is Petitioner facing, and how are they related to the GCA process? Are the problems structural problems, cash flow problems, or both?
2. Please explain how Petitioner's negative earnings of \$895,000 since June 1999 were calculated.
3. How does the \$50,000 difference asserted by Mr. Mercer (Mercer Testimony, p. DCM-6, line 3) eliminate Petitioner's ability to change its current credit line with lenders?
4. How much Retained Earnings and Cash does Petitioner have as of the latest quarter, and currently?
5. Will Petitioner be paying a dividend to its share holders in 2004 and/or in the first quarter of 2005, and if so, when?
6. Please demonstrate the impact on Petitioner's cash flow if this request is (a) granted or (b) denied.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Larry S. Landis, Commissioner

  
Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

12/20/04  
Date